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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2003.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-12 remain in the patent application.

The rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 8 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as anticipated by the U.S. Patent 3,077,572 to Zimmerman is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 includes the following limitations:

“a molded skirt integrally formed on the sleeve comprising an interior surface and a sealing surface;

“wherein the sealing surface has substantially the same shape as the interior surface of the cavity; and

“wherein the sleeve and the molded skirt are constructed from an electrically insulating material”.